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June 23, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 14-58, 47 CFR § 54.313 Annual Reporting Requirements for High-Cost Recipients (Form 481)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached please find Bijou Telephone Cooperative Association's (SAC 462181) high-cost support recipient annual report pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.313 (Form 481).

Bijou is filing certain financial information, reported pursuant to 47 CFR §54.313(f)(2), as confidential under the March 22, 2016 Protective Order (DA 16-296). Pursuant to that Order, each page of this filing that contains confidential information has been marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION." The non-redacted version of this information will be filed under separate cover per the Protective Order's directives. As such, Bijou will request that the non-redacted version of its submission be withheld from public inspection.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Zachary Cochran
Senior Client Manager
(719)531-6342

Attachment

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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No

**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0 . 0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0 . 0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
462181CO510 .pdf		
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	462181C0610.pdf

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

-- See attached worksheet

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(800) Operating Companies

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Bijou Telephone Co-Op Association, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable
<812>	Operating Company	Bijou Telephone Co-Op Association, Inc.

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

<921>

- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130>

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

462181C01210.pdf

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,



<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,



<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.



(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan		
(3009)	Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	
		Yes - Attach Certification
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community Anchors
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:		
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**Certification - Reporting Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: BIJOU TEL COOP ASSOC	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/22/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Brian Creveling	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 3038225400 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 462181	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier
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Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Date:
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
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Attachments

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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Bijou Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (SAC 462181)

Statement Regarding Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

47 CFR § 54.313(a)(5)

Form 481, Line 510

Bijou Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Bijou) is an incumbent local exchange carrier operating in the state of Colorado, and is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designated by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (COPUC). As such, Bijou is subject to the regulatory authority of the COPUC and operates under the relevant rules and laws of the state of Colorado.

Bijou is subject to the service quality standards and consumer protection standards adopted by the COPUC and that are applicable to ILECs in the state of Colorado. These standards are contained in the Code of Colorado Regulations 4 CCR 723-2. Consumer protection standards are also contained in Bijou's local tariff that is on file with the COPUC.

Apart from effective internal procedures and operations, Bijou ensures compliance with all applicable service quality and consumer protection rules through COPUC enforcement, which entails the operation of an effective customer complaint process. Bijou is required to respond to customer complaints and other service quality-related inquiries from the COPUC in a reasonable time frame. Bijou consistently meets or exceeds all COPUC-adopted standards, and reports to this effect via all required COPUC processes.

Finally, Bijou has established internal procedures to ensure compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules that include, but are not limited to, periodic employee training and maintenance of written company CPNI procedures. Bijou certifies its compliance with the Commission's CPNI rules by making annual filings as required in 47 CFR § 64.2009(e).

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Statement Regarding the Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

47 CFR § 54.313(a)(6)

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Bijou has batteries and portable generators capable of providing the required level of backup power, and that can be deployed as necessary to Bijou's switching and remote sites. Bijou's network is capable of rerouting traffic around damaged facilities, although this ability is not absolute and may be limited in certain circumstances. However, Bijou follows all industry standard practices in ensuring its network remains functional during different types of emergency situations.

- (A) Process for Assignment of 8-1-1 Abbreviated Dialing Code. The assignment of the 8-1-1 abbreviated dialing code will be considered by the Commission upon:
1) the Commission's own motion; or 2) the Petition of an entity.
- (B) Petition for Consideration of the Assignment of 8-1-1. An entity filing a Petition to request consideration of the assignment of the 8-1-1 abbreviated dialing code to provide a means for excavators and the general public to notify facility operators in advance of their intent to engage in excavation activities must present clear and convincing evidence that a public benefit exists. The Commission will evaluate the Petition based upon this evidence.
- (C) Contents of the Petition. The Petition shall contain the following information and documentation:
 - (i) Background of the Petitioner, including composition of any governing board or agency;
 - (ii) Demonstration of public need;
 - (iii) Historic volume of calls seeking notification to facility operators in advance of their intent to engage in excavation activities;
 - (iv) Proposed affected geographic area;
 - (v) Proposed cost recovery solution, including funding mechanisms;
 - (vi) Proposed plan for community outreach and notification; and
 - (vii) Other pertinent factors that the Commission deems relevant.
- (II) If two or more entities petition the Commission to provide a means for excavators and the general public to notify facility operators in advance of their intent to engage in excavation activities using 8-1-1 in the same or overlapping geographic areas, the Commission shall use the criteria in subparagraph (C) to establish one assignee.
- (III) When a Petition is granted by the Commission under subparagraph (C), any telecommunications provider that provides service in the geographic area outlined in the Petition, shall complete the following tasks:
 - (A) If an affected telecommunications service provider is using 8-1-1 for purposes other than access to notification to facility operators in advance of their intent to engage in excavation activities, that provider shall discontinue use for that non-compliant purpose.
 - (B) If the affected telecommunications service provider plans to seek recovery of internal costs associated with 8-1-1 call completion, the affected provider shall perform all analyses required to quantify the cost to its individual company for the necessary translations and/or facilities work.

- (C) The affected telecommunications service provider shall estimate the time required to perform the necessary translation and/or facilities work to allow 8-1-1 call completion from its subscribers as requested in the Petition.
- (IV) Within 30 days of the granting of a Petition, the affected telecommunications service providers shall file with the Commission, the information requested in subparagraphs (B) and (C).
- (V) All telecommunications service providers serving customers in the affected area will complete the requirements of subparagraph IV to allow for 8-1-1 call completion no later than April 13, 2007, unless a waiver is sought and granted.
- (k) Rules relating to the provisioning of the 9-1-1 abbreviated dialing code for emergency services:
 - (I) See rules 2130 through 2159.
 - (I) Neither an entity granted the use of a N-1-1 abbreviated dialing code nor a provider may charge end users a fee on a per-call or per-use basis for using the N-1-1 system without the consent of the Commission.
 - (I) Sale or transfer of N-1-1 codes through private transactions is not allowed.

2742. – 2799. [Reserved].

PROGRAMS

Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program

Basis, Purpose, and Statutory Authority

The basis and purpose of these rules is to implement the Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program (LITAP) so that low-income individuals receive assistance adequate to ensure access to residential basic local exchange telecommunications service and to prescribe the procedures for the administration of the LITAP Fund.

The statutory authority for the promulgation of these rules is found at §§ 40-2-108, 40-3.4-106, and 40-15-502(3)(a), C.R.S. These rules are consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254 and 47 C.F.R., Part 54 (October 2002).

2800. Applicability.

- (a) Rules 2800 through 2805 are applicable to all providers of basic local exchange telecommunications service.
- (b) Rules 2800 through 2819 are applicable to LECs who are Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) and who are certified to do business in and to offer basic local exchange service within the state of Colorado.

2801. Definitions.

The following definitions apply only in the context of rules 2800 through 2819:

- (a) "Eligible subscriber" means an individual who is qualified to receive low-income telephone assistance pursuant to § 40-3.5-105, C.R.S.
- (b) "Low Income Telephone Assistance Program (LITAP) service" means a retail residential local service offering that:
 - (I) Allows eligible subscribers to pay reduced charges by applying the support amount described in § 40-3.4-104, C.R.S.; and
 - (II) Is available to eligible subscribers as determined by the Colorado Department of Human Services.

2802. Incorporation by Reference.

References in rules 2800 through 2819 to Part 54 are references to rules issued by the FCC and have been incorporated by reference, as identified in rule 2008.

2803. Plan Implementation.

Prior to implementing a program plan, each provider to which these rules apply shall file with the Commission the information specified in paragraph 2804(b), along with an advice letter and tariff pages adding the LITAP service.

- (a) The tariff shall include a description of the LITAP service offered to eligible subscribers and the associated monthly rate. Such tariff shall provide a 25 percent discount, or the end user common line charge, whichever is greater, for a single residential basic local exchange line in the principal residence of an eligible subscriber. In addition, eligible subscribers who are billed by the provider and who pay mileage or zone charges associated with the line are eligible for a 25 percent discount for these charges.
- (b) LITAP service rates shall be further reduced by any amount that the basic local exchange provider receives from any federal program providing for a reduction in such intrastate rate.
- (c) In no event shall the discount for LITAP service be less than the end user common line charge imposed by the FCC.

2804. Fund Administration.

The Commission shall determine, and by appropriate order, impose a uniform charge on each business and residential access line in a uniform amount for participating telecommunications providers. Such charges can be adjusted on or before July 1 of each year. To assist the Commission in calculating that uniform charge, the following information shall be provided to the Commission:

- (a) The Department of Human Services shall forward to the Commission by April 1 of each calendar year its estimate of its administrative expenses incurred under § 40-3.4-101, C.R.S., et seq., and its estimate of the number of eligible subscribers for the coming fiscal year.
- (b) Each provider of basic local exchange telecommunications services shall, in its annual report to the Commission, state its estimate for the coming year of the number of eligible subscribers who will receive low-income telephone assistance, the number of business and residential subscribers subject to the uniform charge, and its administration cost of the program as well as the historic monthly amounts of collections generated by the uniform charge, the monthly amounts of revenue forgone due to the discount of the program, its monthly administration expenses, and amounts reimbursed from or remitted to the Low-Income Telephone Assistance Fund as managed by the State Treasurer. Providers of basic local exchange telecommunications services having more than 500,000 access lines shall report program administrative fees based on actual costs. Providers of basic local exchange telecommunications services having less than 500,000 access lines shall report a Commission-approved administrative fee based on an average cost to administer the program as shown in the provider's industry-standard cost documentation or actual cost to administer the program as demonstrated through the provider's accounting documentation.
- (c) The State Treasurer shall forward to the Commission by April 1 of each calendar year, an accounting of the transactions occurring in the Low-Income Telephone Assistance Fund.
- (d) The Commission by April 1, of each calendar year shall estimate its administrative expenses incurred under § 40-3.4-101, C.R.S., et seq.
- (e) The Commission, within 30 days of receipt of each report and after examining same, shall calculate the uniform charge based upon the undisputed amounts. Disputes concerning the amounts due for reimbursements from the fund shall be resolved through the Commission's administrative hearing process.
- (f) The Commission, shall by order, specify the amount of reimbursement due to each LEC if the foregone revenues plus any reasonable administrative expenses exceed the total amount of the uniform charge collected by the LEC.

2805. Uniform Charge.

- (a) The uniform charges imposed pursuant to § 40-3.4-108(1), C.R.S., shall be billed to each access line of each provider of basic local exchange telecommunications services.
- (b) The uniform charge shall not be imposed on any state or local governmental body or on eligible subscribers.
- (c) A provider of basic local exchange telecommunications service may collect the uniform charge by a specific line item on subscribers' bills if provided for in its tariff. Alternatively, the uniform charge may be included in each subscriber's bill as part of the subscriber's basic exchange service rate and the provider's tariff shall indicate, through a footnote or other explanatory text, that the basic exchange service rate contains the uniform charge. In addition, if the basic exchange service rate includes the uniform charge, a market informational note shall be added to

the bill once a year informing customers that "The base rate includes a Commission-approved monthly charge for the Low-Income Telephone Assistance Program".

- (d) Upon collecting the uniform charge, each provider may retain, from the total charges collected, an amount sufficient to reimburse such provider for its provision of low-income telephone assistance.
 - (I) If the total collected is in excess of the amount sufficient to reimburse the provider, the provider shall by the 30th day following the end of each quarter (January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30) remit the excess to the Commission. To assist providers, the Commission may provide net contributors a form at least 30 days prior to the above due dates in order to accurately calculate the amounts to be remitted to the Commission. The Commission shall deposit such amount with the State Treasurer, who shall credit the same to the Low-Income Telephone Assistance Fund.
 - (II) If the total collected is insufficient to reimburse the provider, the provider shall request reimbursement from the fund by providing the required information of paragraph 2804(b) in its annual report to the Commission. The Commission, after examining the information provided, shall calculate the amount due for reimbursements from the fund, and request reimbursement from the State Treasurer, who shall remit that amount and shall debit the same amount from the Low-Income Telephone Assistance Fund.
- (e) The Department of Human Services shall file with the Commission a report detailing its costs in administering the low-income telephone assistance program in accordance with § 40-3.4-101, C.R.S., et seq. The Commission shall request reimbursement of the approved expenses of the Department of Human Services from the State Treasurer, who shall remit that amount and shall debit the same from the Low-Income Telephone Assistance Fund.

2806. Prohibition of Disconnection.

- (a) Providers shall not disconnect LITAP service subscribers for non-payment of toll charges.
- (b) The Commission may grant a variance of paragraph (a) of this rule if the LEC can demonstrate all of the following:
 - (I) It would incur substantial and unjustifiable costs in complying with this requirement;
 - (II) It offers toll limitation to its qualifying low-income customers without charge; and
 - (III) Telephone subscriptions among low-income customers in the carrier's service area are greater than or equal to the national subscription rate for low-income customers. For purposes of this subparagraph, a "low-income customer" is one with an income below the poverty level as defined by the Department of Human Services for a family of four residing in the state.

2807. Offering of Toll Limitation.

- (a) All ETCs shall offer toll limitation to all qualifying low-income customers at the time such customers subscribe to LITAP service. If the customer elects to receive toll limitation, that service shall become part of the customer's LITAP service.

- (b) LITAP support for providing toll limitation shall be provided from the federal lifeline program.

2808. Service Deposit.

Providers shall not collect a service deposit in order to initiate LITAP service, if the qualifying low-income customer voluntarily elects toll limitation from the carrier, where available. If toll limitation is unavailable, the carrier may charge a service deposit.

2809. Federal Reporting Requirements.

Each ETC shall file information with the administrator of the federal Lifeline program demonstrating that the carrier's LITAP plan meets the criteria set forth in 47 C.F.R., Part 54, Subpart E, and stating the number of qualifying low-income customers and the amount of state assistance.

2810. – 2819. [Reserved]

Telecommunications Relay Services for Disabled Telephone Users

Basis, Purpose, and Statutory Authority

The basis and purpose of these rules is to implement Article 17 of Title 40, C.R.S., Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) for Disabled Users compliant with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and which are consistent with the Commission's quality of service rules; require relay-communicated messages to be delivered promptly, accurately, privately, and confidentially; specify the types of calls that are included as telecommunications relay services; and implement a cost recovery mechanism.

The statutory authority for the promulgation of these rules is found at §§ 40-3.4-106; 40-15-502(3)(a); 40-17-103(2) and (3); and 40-2-108, C.R.S.

2820. Applicability.

Rules 2820 through 2839 are applicable to all providers of basic local exchange telecommunications services, certificated to do business in the state.

2821. Definitions [Reserved].

2822. Incorporation by Reference.

References in rules 2820 through 2839 to Part 64 are references to rules issued by the FCC and have been incorporated by reference, as identified in rule 2008.

2823. Conformity with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

- (a) Adoption of federal regulations. For the purpose of providing telecommunications relay services in Colorado, the Commission adopts the FCC's rules and regulations establishing mandatory minimum operational and technical standards, found at 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.601 and 64.604 (a) and (b). These rules require that telecommunication relay service providers relay communicated messages promptly and accurately, maintain the privacy of persons who receive

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Milestone Certification

47 CFR 54.313(f)(1)(i)

Form 481, Line 3010

Bijou Telephone Co-Op Association, Inc. hereby certifies pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313(f)(1)(i) that it is taking all reasonable steps to provide, upon reasonable request, broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 mbps downstream and 1 mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable time frame.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
The Bijou Telephone Co-op Association, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Byers, Colorado

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Bijou Telephone Co-op Association, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2016, and the related consolidated statements of operations, members' equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bijou Telephone Co-op Association, Inc. and subsidiary as of December 31, 2016 and the results of their operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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